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Bill Shinn met with Dr. Theodor Sterling on Tuesday, May 18. Sterling reported that as a result of his meeting with the Executive Director of the American Statistical Association on May 14, he is to prepare a position paper for presentation to the full board of the American Statistical Association. He wants to use the summer to prepare this paper and also to prepare a manuscript for Science on problems involving secrecy and intimidation within the American scientific community. He will not be working for Washington University during the summer and wishes direct financial support. His estimate for travel expenses, assistants to help in literature searches, secretarial personnel and consultant fees for others with whom he will be working is about $12,000 and he requests a fee for his time in the amount of $12,000.

Sterling estimates that there will be a substantial refund from Washington University in connection with the grant on the Hammond data in the event the data is not produced by Hammond. For the present, however, however, he does not want to divert funds from this grant.

We recommend that this funding be approved.

I am delighted, incidently, to say that Sterling expects publication in one or more scientific journals of his

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position that Hammond's refusal to disclose data is an affront to science. He is also interested, and we would like any advice you might have, in determining whether or not the people who helped gather the data actually did put limitations on its use (as claimed by Hammond). Copies of some of the correspondence pertinent to the Hammond data request are enclosed.

Also enclosed is a proposal for a pilot study on the effect of cigarette smoking on the cardiorespiratory system of physically fit men. This study would be done in the fall and winter by Captain Malcolm Gleser, M.D., Ph.D., and Dr. Sterling. Sterling says that he and Gleser believe that there would be no real difference in the cardiorespiratory response of smoking ski instructors as compared with nonsmoking ski instructors.

There are existing studies on the cardiopulmonary performance of healthy men which show no significant reduction of the vital capacity of smokers but these studies do not appear to have captured anyone's imagination. Sterling thinks this type of study might. His estimate of the total cost is between $20,000 and $22,000 and we recommend that approval, on a conditional basis, be given. The conditions would be (1) that the CTR staff believes the project to be worthwhile and (2) that funding from SAB could not be obtained either because of time factors, lack of funds or reasons other than general unsuitability.

We need to hear from you by May 28 as to both of these proposals. We plan to meet with Dr. Sterling upon his return from Europe shortly after the first of June and will keep you advised of any important developments.

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